

Neubauer decides against lieutenant governor bid

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RACINE — State Rep. Jeffrey Neubauer says he's not running for lieutenant governor because he plans to get married.

"I'm getting married probably in December and I did not want to start a family and a statewide political career at the same time," he said.

Neubauer, D-Racine, said many Democrats suggested he try to replace Lt. Gov. James Flynn, who decided not to seek re-election.

The job represents a "wonderful political opportunity," he said, but decided Monday that now is not the time to go for it.

Instead, he'll seek his fourth term in the Assembly, possibly moving into a leadership post. He is chairman

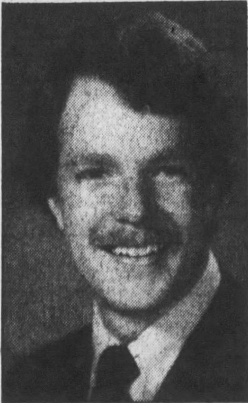
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of the Assembly's ways and means committee and lost a bid to become Assembly majority leader in 1984.

"I wish to establish my family, and very possibly in the near future, come back and work in my family business (Kranz Inc.)," he said.

Neubauer said he's marrying Lisa Stephens, a University of Chicago law school student who worked for State Senate President Fred Risser, D-Madison, and was assistant midwest regional director for Gary Hart's presidential campaign.

Neubauer's decision left two announced candidates as possible running mates for Gov. Anthony Earl: Reps. Sharon Metz of Green Bay and Gervase Hephner of Chilton.



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plans December wedding